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Suggested draft statement to press for issuance by US, UK, French, German Foreign Ministers at conclusion of their December 14 meeting on Berlin situation follows.

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The Foreign Ministers of France, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States today took advantage of the opportunity afforded them by their presence in Paris for the forthcoming meeting of the NATO Ministerial Council to meet together.

They discussed the developments in the Berlin situation that has arisen during the past month, including the notes addressed to their several countries on November 27 by the Soviet Union.

The four Foreign Ministers were of one mind in rejecting the concept advanced by the Soviet Union that the status of Berlin could be altered by the

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unilateral action of any one of the powers that bear legal responsibility for the city and its inhabitants under long-standing international agreements. The Foreign Ministers of France, the United Kingdom and the United States expressed their full agreement on the vital importance of maintaining their access to Berlin, and had no doubt of their right to maintain such access nor of their ability to do so.

The Foreign Ministers agreed on appropriate directives for further study at their various capitals of the political measures to be taken in the existing situation. They also completed coordination of the views which they will present to their ministerial colleagues of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization when that body meets on December 16. END VERBATIM TEXT

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